So the Agent gave him a couple of pitying-

Looks and departed, meeting in the Door-

way a pop-eyed Person with his Hat on the

Back of his Head and a Roll of Blue Prints

under his Arm. The Man looked up and

A DANGEROUS MONOMANIAC.

most dangerous Monomaniac-the one who

is building a House and wants to show the

through the Laundry and there's no Flue

"I think you ought to live at a Hotel,"

At 11:30 came a Committee of Ladies so-

iciting Funds for the Home for the Friend-

their own Luck." said the Busy Man,

whereupon the Ladies went outside and

At Noon he went out and lunched on

respondence, he was met by a large Body

Boycott. He put in an Hour squaring him-

"How far have we got?" he asked.

Face among the unanswered Letters.

"Ring for a Messenger," he said.

" 'Dear Sir,' " was the Reply.

"Call a Cab," he said.

self and then he turned to the Stenographer.

Just then he got the Last Straw-a be-

"The 'Phone is out of order," was the

She pulled the Buzzer and in 20 minutes

there slowly entered a boy from the Tele-

When he arrived at Home he threw his

Wife that he had been insulted.

agreed that he was a Brute.

think I'd better do?"

moaned. He recognized his Visitor as a

of Isenburg, "the marshal evidently did not | tives of the royal girl or the younger either know how hard silk stockings are to pro- came to the child's rescue. cure-by some of us."

the great Western cities, attended by a hypnotized. cloud of courtiers, chasseurs and flunkies, but the scheme wouldn't work. For once aside from a possible cold?" I asked Don the title-hunting American girl balked at Carlos. the spectacle of an uncommonly-stupid sprig of royalty, offering his name and rank look. "Why." he said, "most diseases are in the open market place. Adelheid and her caused by disordered criculation or besisters and brothers are still paying the cause the blood is intermixed with corrupt costs of this unsuccessful experiment, the and heterogeneous matter. The exercise in money lenders holding a mortgage on the the wet is calculated to throw off all damprincipality and allowing the family hardly enough to live on until it is wiped out. No strengthen the organs in general. I have wonder Adelheid sighs for those silk stock- taken this cure for a good many years regings the asinine Spaniard stamped into the ularly, so has the princess and the childust, for the less use she has for them in dren, and all of us derived great benefit Worishoffen the more she needs them in so- from it." clety and at the courts of Vienna and welcome guest.

SOCIETY IN WORISHOFFEN. Worishoffen, you must know, is the least "dressy," all-year-around watering place in the world. Except at the Tennis Club hop I did not see a costume that a well-todo New York woman would wear on Broadway, or a Philadelphienne on Chestnut street, that despite the fact that, aside from two uncrowned kings, we harbor something like twenty-three or twenty-five members of imperial and royal families. As the director of the "Kurhaus" tells me, none of the ladies and gentlemen

"We advised them to leave their fine togs at home," said the reverend gentleman, "pointing out that simplicity in dress and absence of care for the demands of vanity would enhance their chances for getting well. And this is not a mere conup and follow the mode and be a dandy without wasting several hours daily-time that our patients ought to devote, and, in fact, need, for healthful exercise, sport and recreation."

brought more than one trunk.

In accordance with the above, the royal and princely girls stopping here brought along only a few tailor-made gowns and skirts, shirtwaists and jackets, besides one solitary evening costume for festival occasions; while as to heargear "any old thing" seems to be en regle-Bavarian peasants, chapeau, sailor hat, trimmed and untrimmed, Alpines and bicycle caps, etc.

I hate to destroy people's pet hobbies, but I must say "royalty undressed" is not what is called a treat for the eye; prettier and more stylish women than those in the royal colony here can be found in every American village. And "undressed" does royalty without stately robes and great jewels borrowed from the treasury, king's daughters attired like common, ordinary folk. Most of them look well enough in portraits especially faked up for the periodical press, but put a plain, tailor-made gown, or a shirtwaist and Eton jacket on their backs, and no man of taste will turn to look at them a second time. The little Princess of Bourbon, who made me take off her shoes and gaiters, is the only one of the lot who would be pronounced "really good-looking" by a jury of Americans.

PRINCES BETTER FAVORED. Nature seems to be kinder to the sons of Kings than to their daughters. Don-Carlos and his boys-he is said to have -are strapping fine men, decidedly distinguished in appearance. The Count of Caserta, who calls himself King of Naples, is also good looking, though his face has rather a cruel aspect. No wonder the Madrid populace threatened to tear him to pieces when he went to the Spanish capital to see his oldest son married to the Princess of the Asturias. They rememcombatants ordered by Caserta during the Carlist wars and read in his face what he is capable of.

convicted as a common murderer within on Sunday evenings. two weeks afterwards. Of course, the for advertising the Kaiser would have it | would adjust the fire and then sit down in | might have been Professor of Bee-Culture the Spanish pretender, unknowingly, cross- the chimney corner and in an apparently in the Pike County Agricultural Seminary, ed the war-lord's frontier. It would cause absent-minded mood begin to play with the so far as make-up was concerned, took the as much talk as Prince Henry's visit, and fire tongs, opening and closing them slowly. Man by the Hand and informed him that

out. shorter by his brother of Prussia-provided other, until the entire social circle became While doing his 150 Words a Minute, he Working too hard. the brother catches him-doesn't seem to engaged in the game of gapes. Hearty worked a Kellar Trick and produced a bother Don Carlos. On the contrary, he laughter, followed by the desired leave. large Prospectus from under his coat. Be- missions do up the Nervous System. looks hale and hearty, and spends the taking, scon followed the clever old farmmoney his adherents furnish him with a er's ruse. right royal fashion-outside of Worishof- The cause of this sort of contagiousness fen, of course. Here he wears a hundred- is not so mysterious. The nerves of man francs pepper-and-salt suit and a shock- and animals are very similar and respond ingly bad hat, yet for all that he is by far alike to the same stimuli. Circumstances E. S. Martin, in Harper's Magazine. the best-dressed King on exhibition in these of time, temperature and other conditions latitudes. His cousin, Archduke Leopold that impel one individual to yawn, cough Salvator of Austria, on the other hand, is or manifest any symptom of nerve disa decidedly tough-looking individual, and turbance operate to a greater or lesser deso eaten up with the "cure mania" that gree upon all others who may be in his he wears sandals even at dinner in order to respond to his initiative may be likened to be, at all times, prepared to tread water. | the responses of a sonorous body to its own

LANGTRY JOKE REVIVED. At his lodgings he is seldom seen without a water can in hand, and all his friends and relatives, male and female, also his servants, complain that he overworks the joke Mrs. Langtry once played upon the Prince of Wales by stuffing cracked ice between his collar and neck. His Imperial Highness, Leopold, thinks it no end of fun to frighten "the girls" (as he styles female royalty without distinction) out of their wits by suddenly turning the hose on them

or pouring water down their backs. But, despite his idiosyncracles, the archduke is one of the most popular princes in Worishoffen and leader of the numerous health exercises. He takes them, or has taken them all, in rotation: Ablutions, bath, wet sheets, showers, bandages, etc., and, says the Princess of Mecklenburg, "dfinks water like a whale and can outwalk-on bare feet-any professional pedestrian."

During the first days after my arrival I saw him lead the procession of royal ladies in the newly fallen snow. It being dusty to-day he splashed the sidewalk with a hose, "for walking on wet stones is almost as good as the other exercise." Leopold hopes to celebrate Easter by treading the water of the mill pond.

While his Imperial Highness walked through the snow for more than an hour

that ever graced a female foot, a dozen and a half, the majority of the ladies stood ; of each color and design known in those it scarcely three or four minutes, and indays. But as the mayor stepped forward | deed little Princess Elizabeth of Austria to show the royal lady samples of the had to give it up at once, her toes becomgoods spread out on a silver tray, her court ing stricken with "snow fever." That marshal, a proud Spaniard, upset the ex- means they got dry and hot, causing the hibition, shouting 'Away with this indecent | poor child to cry with pain. I assisted in trash; do you not know, you fool, that rubbing her feet with snow, whereupon the the royal princesses of Spain have no swelling gradually disappeared. Strange to say, there were no evil consequences; "Well, I declare," cried Princess Adelheid stranger still, neither of the older rela-

HOW THE CURE WORKS. She spoke with emphasis, not unmixed Instead they walked on solemnly, even with disgust and regrets, at so many silk | without a word of encouragement. Only stockings going to waste. Princess Adel- the Archduchess Bianca waved her lace heid's father, now dead, is the gentleman petticoats in the direction where Elizabeth who, several years ago, raised a loan of a was being attended by strangers. This million marks to secure an American heir- seeming indifference to others' sufferings ess for his son Leopold. Leopold appeared is part of the cure; to get its full benefits at New York, Washington, Newport and in "one must give his whole mind to it," be

"What do you expect to gain from this

The pretender gave me an astonished aging matter by dissolving it and to

Of another scion of royalty I inquired Munich, where this bright girl is ever a how he accounted for the fact that most of the royal ladies appear to suffer from

"What makes you think so?" he asked in

"The black meal rings on their toes-we call them rheumatism rings in America." The duke laughed outright. "What queer people you are," he cried, and, motioning the King of Naples to his side, he said: "You must hear this, Caserta; the Yankees wear rings against rheumatism."

At this his Majesty was highly amused. When he recovered from his laughing fit I asked to explain.

"Why," he said, in matter-of-fact style, our girls wear the rings as a protection against mad dogs. They come from Munich and are rubbed against the relics of St.

IS YAWNING CONTAGIOUS?

Interesting Illustrations Among Men and Animals.

In the Sunday Journal of March 30 appeared an entertaining article under the above caption. The writer professes to be mystified by the plain fact that "gaping is catching" and wonders that no doctor has ever explained the causes of it.

But yawning is not the only physical function that appears to be contagious. The same is observed as to merriment and sadness. Let a jolly, light-hearted individual come among a gathering of pensive or morose persons and all soon become inoculated with the spirit of cheerfulness. The same thing is observed in the matter of coughing, especially during damp, chilly weather. Many in a school or in a congregation of worshipers will have mastered not refer to the bare extremities; I mean the inclination to cough when some new arrival will start the annoying chorus afresh. Nausea manifesting itself in one member of a company will more or less disturb all, and even cause some whose stomachs had been perfectly normal to be affected like the afflicted one. This contagiousness as to the physical

functions is not peculiar to the human species, but is common among the lower animals. Tabby at one end of the rug yawns, and her example is almost immediately followed by Towser at the other. The writer has seen a gape passed all around the barnyard, affecting horses, cattle, hogs and sheep, the hired man pumping water and the girl on the milking stool taking are not worrying over the Future, I don't part in the exercise. Of all farm animals eighty, but brought only two or three along | the sheep is most susceptible to an epidemic of yawning, catching it even from the motions of inanimate objects. If you wish to Foresight have some pure, unadulterated fun get you two shingles or clapboards and go to where a flock of sheep is grazing. Any time will | Blonde Stenographer, "Dear Sir." do, but it is best to choose some warm afternoon when, on a good pasture, the sheep have filled their stomachs and are about ready for rumination. Climb upon Frankle, the Only Child, the Phenom, the bered the wholesale butcheries of non- the fence, being careful not to alarm the forty-pound Prodigy. animals, place the two boards together, one in each hand, and begin opening and closing them slowly as if they were hinged at | morning with a Story concerning the in-Don Carlos, by the way, has to be very the ends. Presently the animals will begin cipient Depew out at their House. It seems careful about his route when traveling to observe your strange actions, and soon that little Frankle has been told something through Germany. If ever he touches Prus- begin to indulge in frequent and prolonged at Sunday School and he asked his Mother gapings. Little grass will be eaten so long about it and she told him so-and-so, where-

as you continue the motions of the boards. In the log-cabin days of our grandparent of the Cologne Gazette, whom he had ents, house room was scant, and often the any one who, doesn't laugh is lacking in young ladies had to use the family bed- a Finer Appreciation of Child Nature. The cal invasions of his "kingdom." That hap- rooms for the parlor. Needless to say that Busy Man listened to Frankie's Latest pened in Bismarck's time, and the Iron the entire family assisted in entertaining and asked, "What's the Rest of it?" Chancelor had Don Carlos indicted and the gentlemen guests of the young ladies

Whenever the "company" showed a distrial was conducted in contumaciam, but, position to remain too long after bedtime, as the legal forms were strictly observed, and seemed to require some kind of a hint the sentence stands. What an opportunity to take their departure, the "old man" perhaps more-if the sentence were carried the while watching the young people out of he (the Man) was a Prominent Citizen Hat at the Rack and then made the Chilthe tail of his eye. Anon one of the young and that being the case he would be given dren back into the Corner and keep quiet. But the prospect of being made a head fellows would begin to yawn, and then an- a reduction on the half-morocco Edition. His Wife told around that Henry was

keynote. Indeed, some occult fact of this nature forms the basis of Marconi's system of wireless telegraphy.

THE MODERN FABLE OF THE BATCH OF LETTERS, OR ONE DAY WITH A

MODERN FABLES BY GEORGE ADE.

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One Morning an energetic little Man who | fore the busy man could grab a spindle and had about a Ton of Work piled up on his | defend himself, he was looking at a half-Desk came down Town with a Hop, Skip | tone Photo of Aristotle and listening to and Jump, determined to clean up the all the different Reasons why the Work whole Lay-Out before Nightfall. He had taken eight hours of Slumber and | Then the Agent whispered the Inside Price |

a cold Souse in the Porcelain. After to him so that the stenographer would not Breakfast he came out into the Spring hear and began to fill out a Blank. The Sunshine feeling as fit as a Fiddle and as | Man summoned all his Strength and made snippy as a young Colt.

"Me to the Office to get that Stack of | "I don't read Books," he said. "I am an Letters off my Mind," said the Hopeful Intellectual Nit. Clear Out!" When he dashed into the Office he car-

A tall Man with tan Whiskers arose from behind the roll-top Desk and greeted him. "How are you feeling this Morning?" asked the Stranger.

ried 220 pounds of Steam and was keen for

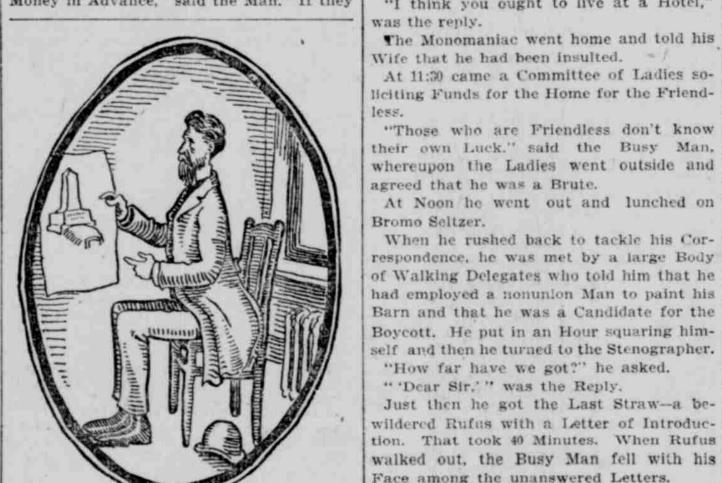
"Swell and Sassy," was the Reply. "And yet to-morrow you may join the Appendicitis Colony and day after to-morrow you may lie in the darkened Front Room with Floral Offerings on all sides," said the Stranger. "What you want is one of our nonreversible, twenty-year, pneumatic Policies with the Reserve Fund Clause. Kindly glance at this Chart. Suppose you take the reactionable Endowment with the special Proviso permitting the accumulation of both Premium and Interest. On a \$10,000 Policy for 20 Years you make \$8,800 clear, whether you live or die, while the Company loses \$3,867.44, as you can see for yourself."

"This is my-," began the Man. "Or, you may prefer the automatic tontine Policy with ball-bearings," continued the Death Angel. "In this case the entire Residue goes into the Sinking Fund and draws Compound Interest. This is made possible under our new System of reducing Operating Expenses to a Minimum and putting the Executive Department into the Hands of well-known New York Financiers who do not seek Pecuniary Reward but are actuated by a Philanthropic Desire to do good to all Persons living west of the "That will be about all from you," said

your Family?" asked the Stranger, in a "My Relatives are collecting all of their Money in Advance," said the Man. "If they

the Man. "Mosey! Duck! Up an Alley!"

"Then you don't care what becomes of



see why you should lose any Sleep." So the Solicitor went out and told every one along the Street that the Man lacked At 9:30 o'clock the industrious little Man

Department hit him on the Back and said he had a Good One. It was all about little

In every large Establishment there is a gurgling Parent who comes down in the upon the Infant Joker arose to the Emer-

So the Parent remarked to several People that day that the Man was sinking into a crabbed Old Age.

At 10 a. m. the Man repeated "Dear Sir," and a voice came to him, remarking on the Beauty of the Weather. A Person who

ADVANTAGES OF COUNTRY LIVING. A Place Where One Is Free from Many plete independence, and wear your old Vexations.

If you get ever so rich, what do you do? Buy a farm somewhere. If you have the root of a good matter in you, you will want to poultice a worn spirit from time to time with the healing airs and the restful scenes of the country. If you get ever so poor, what do you do? Work harder, probably, if you are fit to do anything and can find anything to do. But if you have a spirit of the requisite fibre, and have come to just the requisite degree of impecuniosity, and circumstances and your experience of life



FEARFUL. Dr. Phil Graves-People never cough after taking this medicine. Patient-Gee whiz, Doc, is it that fatal?

strels at the Eleventh-street Opera House it was decided that the guests should be taken to hear them. The hosts being a little in awe of Boston standards, it was thought best to send word to the manager that, as "the Gardners, of Boston," were to be among the audience that evening, it was hoped that everything in the performance would be arranged according to the strictest good taste. This request was complled with in a way that the attentive hosts

surpassing attractions at the time, but as there happened to be some very good min-

Tambourine set out with, "Now, Sambo! ou heah me. Jes' listen to a conundrum. When is-" Bones would break in with a portentous, "Hush! You keep quiet and behave like a cullud pusson ob taste! De Gardners ob Boston am here." So, too, should be in every Gentleman's Library. when the triangle man started out with, "Jes' let me tell you, Cesar, what I've bin an' gone an' done dat make me so tired dat I'm pretty nigh ready to fall in my tracks, Frank Moran, the bones, would put in with: 'You misable low-down nigger! Can't you keep quiet an' hear what I'm tellin' yeh? De Gardners ob Boston is in town.' The incident created a sensation that was the talk of the town in bated breath for a

Bones was on the alert, and every time

couple of weeks thereafter. GERONIMO'S BAND OF APACHES.

Their Weird Doings When They Were First Placed in Captivity.

New York Sun. The request of Geronimo, the captive chief of the Apaches, to be released from Fort Sill, recalls the circumstances of the arrival of his tribe at Fort Marion, St. Augustine, fourteen years ago. Geronimo was not allowed to be with his people, because he had broken his word to the United States government and after surrender had again gone on the war path. His squaw and papoose were with them, though, and the puny infant hanging on its mother's back did not look as though it would ever be a formidable enemy of our soldiers.

The squaws had the reputation of having tortured those of our men who were not killed outright by the Indians. Nana became chief in the absence of Geronimo and disproved all we have been taught by tradition to believe concerning the cruelty of the Indians to their women, for Nana submitted to be pulled by the hair until either he gave in or was rescued by an officer from his irate spouse. Nana and the rest of the men had to be coerced into wearing the garments of civilization. They came into captivity blanket Indians and did not like the confinement of their limbs that the wearing of trousers necessitated. They effected a sort of compromis by wearing the shirt picturesquely hanging outside the trousers, sometimes wearing two shirts at one time of different lengths. They were treated very kindly at Fort Marion and were provided with a physician by the government. The Indians were suspicious of him, how-

patient he found that he had been spirited away. He was kept hidden in some of the numerous tents that were pitched "I've got everything figured out," he began, "except that we can't get from the Dining Room to the Library without going | entire recovery removed the suspicion from connecting with the Kitchen. What do you in retaliation for their crimes against it.

They were sometimes allowed to go into the city, a few at a time, under guard much to the discomfiture of the shop-keepers, whose goods they would handle great curiosity, leaving them after The Monomaniac went home and told his | with close inspection somewhat the worse for wear. When any one in the street cried out jocosely, "Make way for the native Americans," the shop keepers ran hastily to cover up from view the daintiest of their wares for fear of the appreciative atten-"Those who are Friendless don't know | tions of the interested visitors.

Some Boston women, wishing to improve the opportunity of enlightening these savages, got permission from the officers to open a kindergarten in the fort. The men kindly to the plan as a relief from absolute When he rushed back to tackle his Cor- kindergarten plays and sing the songs, but one who knew said that in the privacy of the tent they called the good women a name which translated means "Crazy

had employed a nonunion Man to paint his | Squaws When the government issued a quantity of red flannel in the fall it put an end to school, for the women received it most eagerly and the embroidery put upon the garments they made of it was wonderful to

THE AGE LIMIT OF WORK.

wildered Rufus with a Letter of Introduction. That took 40 Minutes. When Rufus | The Folly of Establishing It at the walked out, the Busy Man fell with his Early Age of Forty-Five. Chicago News.

In taking up the question of an "age tends to disqualify men over forty-five years of age as too old for useful labor the Chicago Federation of Labor is fighting tion. At forty-five men still have twentyfive years to live before their allotted span fifteen to twenty years of very useful ac tivity before them. Frequently men attain their fullest and best powers at fifty, when any loss of mere manual dexterity is more than compensated for by experience and ripened judgment. Indeed, it may be set down as a general truth that among men who have lived sober and careful lives the years immediately following forty-five are

among the best. It is a trite declaration that the present age is the young man's age, but the men forty-five to-morrow. Neither they nor their elders can afford to embrace the false priety can be regulated by an arbitrary adjustment of age limits. The labor supply is capable men who can work, be their age twenty-six or sixty. It would be an absurd economic doctrine under present conditions, which held that the activities of the world were to be carried on by men be-

labor who rule out men of forty-five or over | Japan went into the business of education | safely." the dreams of those who advocate Socialist | American and European teachers, but now | evidently referring to Uncle Sam. doctrines of government control of indus- her schools are manned almost entirely by ried on by young men, while those of ma- looked for in the Philippines. Once the ble in 1861, when it was made, but is now, turer years were supported free of work on | school system gets well started it will be- | thank heaven, without meaning or point. the bounty of the commonwealth. Thus the | gin to provide its own teachers. Socialist and the foolish employer box the compass before them by going in opposite

The Teacher in the Philippines. Harper's Weekly.

private schools have sprung up in great | States. Anagrammists have been forced to numbers, and are doing business very ac- fall back upon the more fluent and man-They include parochial schools, ageable Latin. It has been discovered that

The Making of Anagrams.

William Sheppard, in April Era. A correspondent has asked me to furnish him with some good anagrams on the names of famous people. He further in- sume toward Cuba and the Philippines. Edifying reports come from Washington | forms me that he has spent a good deal of as to the advance of the schoolmaster upon | time trying to make an acceptable anathe Philippines. It is estimated, roughly, gram on the United States, and has failed that there are about 150,000 Filipino pupils | to do so. With reference to this failure, I | enrolled in the schools established by our | would remind him that he must not be | Considering hotel management as a bust-Moral: Work is a Snap but the Inter- government, and about half that number discouraged. The task he has attempted ness apart, and taking such a general view in actual attendance. Three or four thou- is an enormous one. United States has a enables a comparison between European sand Filipinos are giving elementary in- just a dozen letters. Now, mathematicians | and American methods, I think we may struction, about half of whom themselves | will tell him that a dozen letters will ad- justly claim that our standard is much receive daily lessons in English. In the mit of seven thousand and twenty-nine the higher. The scale is more liberal with last eight months 645 American teachers millions (7,029,000,000) of possible transposi- us, the business on broader and more genhave gone to their stations. Various plans | tions. Old Camden has vividly described | erous lines. The sumptuousness (as distinare under consideration for compulsory at- the vexation of soul undergone by ana- guished from a too frequent gaudiness) to tendance at the schools, as part of the gen- grammists when oft-repeated effort, with which we are accustomed is not found eral scheme of diffusing education, but an oft-repeated approximation to success, abroad; the promptitude which we demand measures to that end will hardly go far have finally resulted in loss of time and here is absent there. Throughout Europe until the supply of schools begins to catch labor: "Some have been seen," he says, there is more of the personal and less of the up with the demand. At present the Fili- "to bite their pens, scratch their heads, corporate in the running of hotels. There is pinos seem to be clamoring for all the bend their brows, bite their lips, beat their a certain survival of the old hostelry days American teachers they can get, and it is board, their paper, when they were fair for when the landlord came out to the coach announced that 200 or 300 more well-trained | somewhat and caught nothing herein." | door to welcome the coming, as he speeded American men can be employed, though no Again, let him comfort himself by the re- the parting, guest-an element which unmore women teachers are wanted until con- | flection that no one has yet succeeded in | doubtedly has its charm but which brings ditions are more settled. It seems that | making a good English anagram on United | its retributions. In an American hotel you

tween certain ages and that all others must | branches of the Lycee de Manila and | the letters forming United States may be schools set up by private enterprise. This | transposed into the following Latin words: last development is significant as showing | In te deus stat. "God stands in thee." It is worthy of note that employers of | that education is in keen request. When | Inde tutus stat. "Hence thou standest ctively to make operative thirty years ago she first employed many Dentatus est. "He has teeth," the "he" Desiste, nutat! "Hands off, he shakes!" tries. Such industries they would have car- home talent. A like experience may be a sentiment which may have been applica-

Siste, nudat te. "Stop, he strips thee," waich might be revived to-day by the antiimperialists in their warnings to our new subjects in Cuba and the Philippines. A te desistunt. "They keep off from thee, which is exactly the attitude which the anti's wish the United States to as-

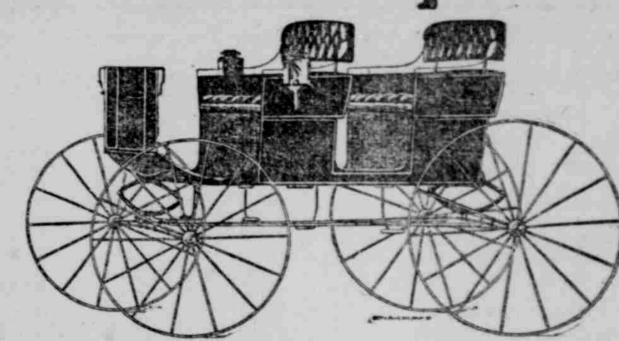
Foreign Hotels.

W. H. Francis, in Lippincott's Magazine. get what you want by touching an electric button; in a European hotel you must hunt up the proper subofficial with a gilt band about his hat and an air of injured dignity about his person. Here, if you need a postage stamp, you buy it at "the office:" there you must obtain it from the "portier" -and so on throughout the category. Things are done on a more personal, a less liberal scale. What we regard as ordinary essentials to our comfort are there regarded as luxuries only to be obtained by people extravagant enough to "pay extra."

Dramatic Anachronism. New York Sun.

We don't know positively at what era the hatpin made its first appearance, but we are willing to wager a good deal that its introduction in the play of "Du Barry" is out of place. Surely batpins had not been invented in the time of Louis XV. We aren't prepared to say just how women fastened on their hats then, but it was by ribbons or with clastics or something that wasn't the modern means-the hatpin. Yet in the millinery scene in "Du Barry" the women go round stabbing their hats and skewering them to their heads with pins that belong surely only to a very recent period. No woman even need be ashamed of remembering when the hatpin first began to be used. It is so recent as all that, Of course it might be hard for the women of this play to attach their headgear properly without having recourse to this modern means-it's a mystery how women ever managed to do without hatpins for so long -but that doesn't alter the anachronism. "Du Barry," the play, is historically accurate in many things, but unless we are very much mistaken it comes an awful cropper when it introduces hatpins.

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you choose, and possess your soul in comclothes with a cheerful spirit. You will be quit of a host of obligations to fashion, to society, which may vex and oppress you in town, for the price of superfluitles is by far the biggest item in the cost of ordinary living. You will miss opportunities, too, but not all opportunity. You will live face to face with nature. You will be able to say your prayers in peace and develop the spiritual side of you if you have any, with only the smallest concern about landlords, grocers or raiment. There are no taxes of any consequence in the country; think of that! The greatest luxury you get there is time. and the next greatest are sights and sounds and smells. If you have thoughts to think, favor it, you go and live in the country. the country gives you great chance to think them. If you have books to read, you can read a lot of them in the country, even with kerosene at 11 cents a gallon. On the other hand, if you have money to spend, what a chance to spend it the country offers you! Gardens, cows, horses, houses, stables, roads, milk at a dollar a gallon if you like, sheep, and dogs, and, most of all, children. It is no trouble at all to spend \$50,000 a year on roads alone, if only you start with a fairly sharp landhunger and push out your borders with due energy. You can get more for your money in roads than in diamonds or pictures, and roads are a permanent investment. They don't burn down; you don't have to keep them insured; you don't have even to keep them clean, for if you build them well, let the weeds grow never so thick on them, the roads will be there still. And once you put your money into them, it stays. You can never get it out, nor can any one else. You cannot even be taxed adequately on them, for no assessor presumes to see much value in a road. Indeed, a very large sum of money can be hid in a country place where the assessors won't find it-in water pipes,

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drains and such things.

New York Times. Speaking of the Gardners of Boston at a Philadelphia club the other night recalled to an old beau an incident that happened that family were staying with friends in

Blower-Yes, sir, Skinner is a wonder. A year ago he was working in a bank for \$25 away back in 1878, when some members of a week. Now he owns a row of houses, a stable, a steam yacht and has nearly a mil-Philadelphia and that probably never has Collier Downe (a lawyer)-And his trial comes up next Wednesday. been printed. The theaters did not offer any